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Noon.—*Thales* leaves for Swatow, &c.
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Tenders Close.
 Tenders for Purchase of Opium For-
 received at Colonial Secretary's Office.
Auctions.
 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Wines, Spirits
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Miscellaneous.
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The Fatsien mandarin who recently possession of a British warehouse by and confiscated its contents stand in need of being taught a plain and impressive lesson on the nature of treaty rights and any reliance could be placed on the of the British Minister at Peking to their rights upheld, we should say the risk in question were very likely to be lessened of which they are so very much in want. But experience has taught us that it is a mistake to look for help from the Ministry's representative at Peking in cases where the treaty privileges of British nationals are concerned. It has therefore been necessary for Messrs. Weymouth &

Robinson, the parties aggrieved in the Falmouth case, to seek other means to redress, and we are glad to learn that matter is likely to be brought before the notes of the House of Commons. The course of the outrage committed by these men is not likely to be followed by other officials in the same manner. It is nothing more likely to arouse the indignation of the public mind than the manner in which the restriction on "queezing" power. And this was the fact which incensed them in this case. Messrs Wemyss and Robinson had taken themselves of the transit pass system, they were fully entitled to do, and the goods were therefore not liable for the penalties of these arbitrary and unjust laws which are levied on every part of the community. How objectionable

Wu-Wa firm thus became the new officials may easily be con- sidered. The hatred of the foreign denied the perpetrate what was in fact a gross of an act for which there is no possi- cusp, and for which the full at re- ought to be made. The business firm in Fatchan had been establis- two years, and from the beginning end of that period, we are assured, slightest objection had been raised could be raised to the manner in which trade was carried on. Suddenly, by a word of warning, the mandarin and myrmidon swoop down on the war-

carry off everything it contains, taking down the window-frames and glass, and arrest the Chinese employees of the firm who were in charge of the business, and throw them into prison. Not content with this the officials, finding out from the books the Chinese traders who have been dealing with the firm, impose heavy fines on those unfortunate people, one man being offered the choice of paying a fine of \$500 or having his shop closed forthwith. The result of all this has been, of course, the complete ruin of Messrs Wanyon and Robinson's Fatsan business. Even if they were allowed to reopen their warehouse to allow no Chinese would dare deal with them. The excuse put forward by the Viceroy for all this, according to our correspondent at Fatsan, is that he has received certain secret information with regard to the firm. If he is made the impression that this warrants the forcible seizure of the property of British subjects in the way it was done in this case, it is high time that that impression was removed. We were rather surprised to see an attempt made in an article in the *Daily Press* the other day to find another excuse as a substitute for the Viceroy's obviously inadequate one. "The seizure by the Chinese authorities of foreign goods at Fatsan raises an interesting point," our contemporary observes, and paradoxically adds "but one long since settled." "Interesting point" is whether foreigners have the right to establish warehouses in the interior, and by a remarkable process of reasoning our contemporary arrives at the conclusion that Messrs Wanyon and Robinson had no right to open business premises in Fatsan. The twelfth article of the Tientsin Treaty stipulates that "British subjects, whether at the ports or at other places, desiring to build or to have houses, warehouses, churches, hospitals or burial-grounds, shall make an agreement for the land or building on the rates prevailing among the people equitably, and without exaction on either side." On this our contemporary makes the observation that "it may appear to have been in contemplation, when the article was negotiated, that warehouses might be opened by British subjects where there are at the ports." We should say that such a thing does most decidedly appear to have been in contemplation. It was there where was the reason for the insertion of Article XII, and what possible mistake can be attached to it? Are we to take that the article makes provision for something that is not allowed to be done at all. It is in this surprising light that our contemporary seems to have been trying to regard it. There are hospitals and churches at Fatsan, property of foreigners, and according to the *Daily Press* interpretation of Article XII of the Tientsin Treaty, the Chinese authorities may do exactly the same all these as they have done with Messrs Wanyon and Robinson's warehouse. Not only as regards Fatsan does our contemporary inferentially give them license to plunder, but also as regards a great number of other places where British subjects have houses, churches and hospitals. "If foreigners," remarks our contemporary, "are allowed to establish themselves where they please, the opening of special ports for foreign trade would be an absurdity." Our contemporary's assumption that "at all places" and "wherever they please" the same thing is also an absurdity. Fatsan, which is within a dozen miles of the coast, is a treaty port, British subjects are established themselves, with the exception of Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, the Chinese authorities, and their agents, to do so has never been called in question. It has been left for the *Daily Press* to make the astounding discovery that may lawfully be expell'd at any moment. Our contemporary's extraordinary conclusion appears to be based on the fact that in the Dutch Treaty it is expressed in Article III, that "Netherlands subjects shall not be at liberty to open houses or shops in the interior." This is a novel way of applying the "favoured nation clause"; and the fact that while there is this express provision in Dutch Treaty and no such provision in the Treaty between Great Britain and China, appears in our contemporary's estimation to count for nothing. Equally false the argument based on the special exceptions made in the Chinese treaties which were made in consequence of troubles in the North about opium. It simply does not apply to the case in question at all. The goods seized at Fatsan had gone up under license, and there was no question of looking toward them. Now is the authority of Thomas Wade of much help in strengthening the utterly inadequate argument of our contemporary. It was almost a surprise, after all that had been said, to find that the conclusion of the *Daily Press* article an expression of opinion that the case is one calling for energetic action. In this at least we are agree with our contemporary.

It is reported that Mr David Miller, Chinese Customs, committed suicide yesterday by jumping overboard from the steamer *Fleur* on her voyage from Fatsan to Hongkong. Mr Miller, who was connected with the Hongkong Police for many years, arrived here thirteen years ago from Glasgow. He belonged to Dundee, Scotland, and was unmarried. He was well known and highly respected.

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